

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
112300-1797

In Re Application Of: Baerlocher et al.

AUG 26 2004

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/690,305	October 20, 2003	Steven L. Ashburn	29159	3713	6910

**Invention: GAMING DEVICE WITH BONUS SCHEME PROVIDING INCREASED REWARD FOR
SELECTING RELATED SYMBOLS**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 21, 2004 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month	<input type="checkbox"/> Two months	<input type="checkbox"/> Three months	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months
from: <u>July 21, 2004</u>			until: <u>August 21, 2004</u>	
	<i>Date</i>			<i>Date</i>

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	23 -	23 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	8 -	6 =	2	x \$86.00	\$172.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$172.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					110
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$282.00

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of \$282.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$282.00
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.
- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-1818

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Dated: August 23, 2004

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER
(General - Patent Pending)**

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is:

This General Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Combined Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Response to Office Action (14 pages); Terminal Disclaimer (2 pages); Copy of Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages); Copy of PTO 1449 Form (1 page); A check in the amount of \$392.00; Return Receipt Postcard.

in the above identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
- A check in the amount of \$392.00 is attached.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 02-1818 as described below.
 - Charge the amount of
 - Credit any overpayment.
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Response to Office Action of April 21, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Baerlocher et al.
Appl. No.: 10/690,305
Conf. No.: 6910
Filed: October 20, 2003
Title: GAMING DEVICE WITH BONUS SCHEME PROVIDING INCREASED REWARD FOR SELECTING RELATED SYMBOLS
Art Unit: 3713
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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